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Documents and for Responding to XML Requests"

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2005

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2005, in connection
with the above-identified application, please consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.